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MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR, MILITARY PAY OPERATIONS, DEFENSE FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING SERVICE (DFAS-PM/CL)

SUBJECT: Interim Change to the Department of Defense Financial Management Regulation (DoDFMR), Volume 7A, Regarding Creditable Service for Officer due to Lost Time (DFAS Item Number K-51)

The attached, Interim Change 09-02 to Chapter 1 of the DoDFMR, Volume 7A is effective immediately. This change incorporates 10 United States Code, Section 972 which provides that officers who have period of unauthorized absence or absence due to confinement or inability to perform duties will not be counted for any purpose other than for basic pay.

We have reviewed your comments on the proposed change and included your comments where appropriate. Assignment of the interim change number is your authority to initiate procedural modifications to implement this change. Use the attached to initiate the formal change to the DoDFMR, Volume 7A.


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Director for Finance

Attachments:
As stated

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CREDITABLE SERVICE**1. Revise the title of paragraph 010202 to read as follows:**

010202. "Effect of Lost Time Absences from Duty on Creditable Service"

2. Revise subparagraph 010202.A to read as follows:

"A. Prior to February 11, 1996, a commissioned or warrant officer was entitled to credit for every day in a commissioned or warrant status, without regard to absence of any kind, whether authorized or unauthorized, and including confinement prior to and during trial. In addition, absence during which a member was serving on active duty as an enlisted member was creditable if the enlisted member also held a commission as a Reserve officer. After February 10, 1996, a commissioned or warrant officer may not count the following periods of absence for any purpose other than that of computing length of service for basic pay:

1. Desertion.
2. Absence from organization, station, or duty for more than one day without proper authority, as determined by proper authority.
3. Confinement by military or civilian authorities for more than one day in connection with a trial, whether before, during, or after the trial.
4. The officer's inability for more than one day, as determined by competent authority, to perform assigned duties because of the officer's intemperate use of drugs or alcoholic liquor, or because of disease or injury resulting from the officer's misconduct."

3. Subparagraph 010401.D, revise to read:

D. Adjusting basic pay date when a member has lost time. Lost time does not change an officer's basic pay date. See paragraph 010202 of this volume. When an enlisted person returns to duty after a period of lost time, add the number of days of lost time to the member's basic pay date to reflect the lost time.

4. Table 1-1, revise Note 2 to read:

- “2. Prior to February 11, 1996, absence during which a member was serving on active duty as an enlisted member and was also a Reserve officer is creditable. After February 10, 1996, a commissioned or warrant officer may not count the periods of absence for any purpose other than for computing length of service for basic pay. Also, see subparagraph 010202.”

5. Revise the bibliography as follows:**a. Delete the following:**

<u>Paragraph</u>	<u>Citation</u>
“010202	38 Comp Gen 553 38 Comp Gen 352”

b. Add the following:

<u>Paragraph</u>	<u>Citation</u>
“010202.A	10 U.S.C. 972(b), as amended by Pub. Law 104-106, section 561, February. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 321; 322 37 U.S.C. 205(a) 38 Comp Gen 352 (B-136913, November. 7, 1958) 38 Comp Gen 553 (B-138125, February. 16, 1959)”